BILL: F2017-SB1

TITLE: An Act to Record Meetings

SPONSOR: John Gosselin, Atwater Senator

DATE: September 17, 2017

Whereas the Middlebury College Student Government Association Constitution's purpose is to "broaden student discussion and representation on all issues"[i]
Whereas the Senator Activity Archive Bill (F2015 – SB8)[ii] provided an important foundation for promoting transparency in student government,
Whereas the Wesleyan University Student Assembly passed Resolution 4.38 "Audio Recording of GA Meetings" on November 6, 2016[iii],
Whereas The University of Massachusetts, Amherst Student Government Association hosts an online archive meetings live streams for the public[iv],
Whereas Williams College Council hosts an online archive of legislation dating from Fall 2009 to Spring 2017[v]
Whereas Smith College Student Government hosts an online archive of complete written minutes dating from Fall 2005 to Spring 2016[vi],
Whereas Tufts University includes in its constitution a historian position,[vii]
Whereas Middlebury College hosts an online archive of legislation and minutes dating from Fall 2014 to Spring 2017, does not host audio recordings of its meetings, and does not have a historian position,

Therefore, be it enacted…
That, the Middlebury College Student Government Association makes audio recordings of all future meetings and hosts them on its website.
That, the Middlebury College Student Government Association hosts livestreams of its meetings on Facebook Live or another similar service.
That, the Middlebury College Student Government Association begin an effort to host documents, including failed bills and resolutions with watermark from past years on its website.
That, this bill is effective as of the fourth meeting of the Middlebury College Student Government Association during the fall semester of 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gosselin, Atwater Senator
Vote Count
In favor:
Opposed:
Abstained:
Absent:

[i] See Section I.
[ii] Link to bill.
[iii] Link to Resolution 4.38 “Audio Recording of GA Meetings”
[iv] Link to Live stream page.
[v] Link to Williams legislation.
[vi] Link to Smith minutes.
[vii] Link to Tufts Constitution (See Section F. subsection 7)